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THE APRIL 20 (TORONTO SUN" CARRIED THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL
USING A COMPARISON WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENERGY SPEECH TO
BLAST PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU:

"CON JOB?"

"IT WAS COINCIDENTAL THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND PRESIDENT
CARTER WENT ON TV AT THE SAME TIME FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE 'IMPORTANT'
MESSAGES. THEIR COMPARISON ENDS.

"CARTER DEALT WITH WHAT HE VIEWED AS (OMMISSION - ON SERVICE)
IAL ISSUE,

APART FROM WAR, AND SPELLED IT OUT TO AMERICANS THAT THEY ARE
GOING TO HAVE TO CONSERVE ENERGY OR FACE CATASTROPHE. AND THEY ARE
GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE AND MORE FOR THE DWINDLING RESERVES THAT
ARE LEFT.

"TRUDEAU DELVED INTO WHAT, IN GLOBAL TERMS, IS THE PETTY ISSUE
OF LANGUAGE -- AND AGAIN REFUSED TO TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
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POLICIES THAT ARE SPLITTING CANADA.

"SADLY TRUDEAU HAS NO CREDIBILITY LEFT. IF HE'S SPEAKING TRUISMS --
THEY RING FALSE FROM HIS MOUTH. HE EXUDES THE CONMAN, AND HIS
STYLIZED SHRUGS, PATERNALISM AND PLATITUDES. HE PREACHES WHAT HE
DOESN'T PRACTISE.

". HE BUTTERED UP WESTERNERS BEFORE LETTING THEM HAVE IT THAT THE
FRENCH CANADIANS DESERVE ALL THE RIGHTS ENGLISH CANADIANS HAVE --

SOMETHING NO ONE, EVER, HAS DISPUTED.

"TRUDEAU WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED TO GO INTO QUEBEC AND TELL THE LEVESQUE GOVERNMENT -- AS HE SHOULD HAVE TOLD THE BOURASSA GOVERNMENT EARLIER, BUT DIDN'T -- THAT ENGLISH ALSO HAVE RIGHTS AND TO CURB THE USE OF THAT LANGUAGE IN ADVERTISING HOUSE FOR SALE, OR DENYING ACCESS TO ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOR FRENCH KIDS (OR VICE-VERSA), IS UNACCEPTABLE.

"OF COURSE FRENCH SHOULD BE TAUGHT BETTER IN SCHOOLS -- BUT IT WAS TRUDEAU WHO IMPOSED THE DIVISIVE BILINGUAL POLICIES AT ENORMOUS HUMAN

, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL COST. HE, NO ONE ELSE, HAS SPLIT AND POLARIZED CANADA.

"WESTERNERS AREN'T THE DOLTS HE SEEMS TO THINK. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BUY HIS FROG IN A POKE. FRANKLY, WE THINK TRUDEAU HAS AIDED SEPARATISM

ALL THE TIME (PERHAPS UNWITTINGLY, NAIVE AS WE MAY BE) BY HIS VERY PRESENCE AS P. LEVESQUE KNOWS THE MAN AND THAT HE CAN'T BE TRUSTED. FRANKLY, WE DON'T BLAME SEPARATISTS FOR THEIR STANCE.

"IF PRESIDENT CARTER IS RIGHT AND WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY, THAT WILL HURT CANADA -- THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PER CAPITA ENERGY-USER (AND WASTER). WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE TOO. WHAT IS TRUDEAU DOING ABOUT THAT? NOTHING, IT SEEMS -- BUT HE'S DOING IT IN FRENCH."

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